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Applicant : Inose, et al.

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For : METHOD FOR

: METHOD FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND A KIT AND

APPARATUS FOR NUCLEIC ACID

ISOLATION

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 10/553,376. In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2009, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following arguments and inventor Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.